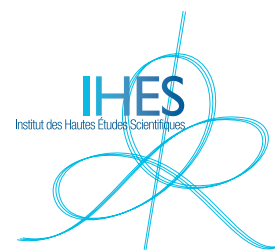


Appointments of the new IHES Secretary General and Director of Communication and Development



Claire Lenz is appointed Secretary General of IHES, effective June 1, 2025. She will report to Emmanuel Ullmo, Director of the Institute.

Since 2020, Claire Lenz has held the position of Director of Development and Communications at the Institute. Prior to this, she held a number of positions at École Polytechnique. As Deputy Director of Communications from 2012 to 2016, she was in charge of press relations and digital communications, before developing the school's international communications strategy. From 2016 to 2020, she directed École polytechnique's new Bachelor's program, from its launch to the graduation of its first students.

A graduate of the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris and holder of a master's degree in modern literature, she also held communications positions with Société Générale from 2006 to 2009. From 2009 to 2012, she lived in Chicago, where she taught at the Lycée Français while conducting marketing support missions for the University of Chicago.



Kristina Lutsik, Deputy Director of Development and Communications, succeeds Claire Lenz in her duties, effective June 1, 2025. She will report to Emmanuel Ullmo, Director of IHES, and Claire Lenz, Secretary General.

Prior to joining IHES in 2023, Kristina Lutsik held several positions at École Polytechnique. From 2015 to 2019, she was notably in charge of international communications and the promotion of École polytechnique's international programs. From 2019 to 2023, she was responsible for international development in Europe, and from 2021, she was in charge of the international development division.

With a degree in journalism from Russia's Peoples' Friendship University and a master's in literary studies from the University of Porto, she also holds an MBA in digital communications from ESG Paris. After several academic experiences abroad, she moved to France in 2013, where she has worked in communications, notably at the Paris International agency and within the Ipsen group.

Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques (IHES)

A founding member of Université Paris-Saclay, IHES is a research center in mathematics, theoretical physics and all related disciplines. A private foundation recognized in the public interest, the Institute has only a restricted number of permanent faculty. Besides, it welcomes about 200 visitors from all over the world for research visits each year. Freedom of research, independence and interdisciplinarity are the values of IHES, which is also committed to promoting the diversity of talent in fundamental research.

Université Paris-Saclay

Université Paris-Saclay brings together ten constituent faculties and institutes, four Grandes Écoles, the Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques, and two associate institutions and shared laboratories with national research organisations. With 48,000 students, 8,100 lecturers and 8,500 administrative and technical staff members, Université Paris-Saclay offers a comprehensive and varied range of undergraduate to doctorate level programs and engineering degrees, renowned for their quality thanks to the reputation and commitment of its academic staff. Located in the south of Paris on vast campuses that stretch across Paris, Orsay, Évry and Versailles, Université Paris-Saclay benefits from a strategic geographical and socio-economic position that is strengthened by its international visibility. A leading University, Université Paris-Saclay is recognized for its excellent Mathematics and Physics but also for its Life and Medical Sciences, Agriculture, Engineering, and its extensive Humanities and Social Sciences programs. Close to Paris, Université Paris-Saclay is nested in a protected natural area, at the very heart of a dynamic economic hub.